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back to the Water Works Stores and accounted for. If these pipes are found serviceable they will be utilized for other works. Necessary credit will be afforded to the sanctioned estimate under which these pipes are removed and replaced by new pipes.

"(c) In the absence of the name of the particular scheme which the hon. Member has in his mind, it is not possible to furnish the information."

Repairs to the Salaputhur tank, Gingee taluk.

* 261 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the extent of ayacut under Salaputhur tank in Nallanpillai Pethal, Gingee taluk, South Arcot district;

(*b*) what is the present capacity of the tank;

(*c*) when the tank was repaired last; and

(*d*) whether there was any representation to raise the full tank level of this tank in the half-yearly Irrigation Conference of South Arcot district in 1952?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) One hundred and forty-nine acres and sixty-six cents.

"(*b*) 4·30 million cubic feet.

"(*c*) In 1946–47, Sir. An estimate for Rs. 880 is pending execution during 1953–54.

"(*d*) Yes, Sir. The Collector is considering the question of raising the full tank level of the tank."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN:—"It is an important question. So I request I may be allowed a supplementary question."

Mr. SPEAKER:—"Every question is an important one."

Purchase of adhesive gum for election purposes.

* 262 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state what is the total amount of public money spent on purchasing adhesive gum for the purpose of election and other purposes in the Madras State by the Government after General Election up to 31st October 1953?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"A sum of rupees 1,340–3–8 was spent for purchasing adhesive gum used at bye-elections held after the General Elections up to 31st October 1953. The adhesive gum was not purchased for any other purpose."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN:—"நம் நாட்டு கோந்து விலை சரசமாக இருக்குமாதலால், ஏன் நம் நாட்டு கோந்தை உபயோகப்படுத்தக்கூடாது?"

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"Sir, it is only gum produced in our country. The adhesive gum is not foreign."